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## Student Senate Votes To Cut WNTC

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On Wednesday, April 28, the Senate voted 12-3-3 to cut the radio station WNTC from State's budget.

With three college radio stations broadcasting, the possibility of cuts is always in the air. The reason for the WNTC budget cut was explained well by a WTSC member who said:

"WNTC spent a great deal of money developing an FM stereo

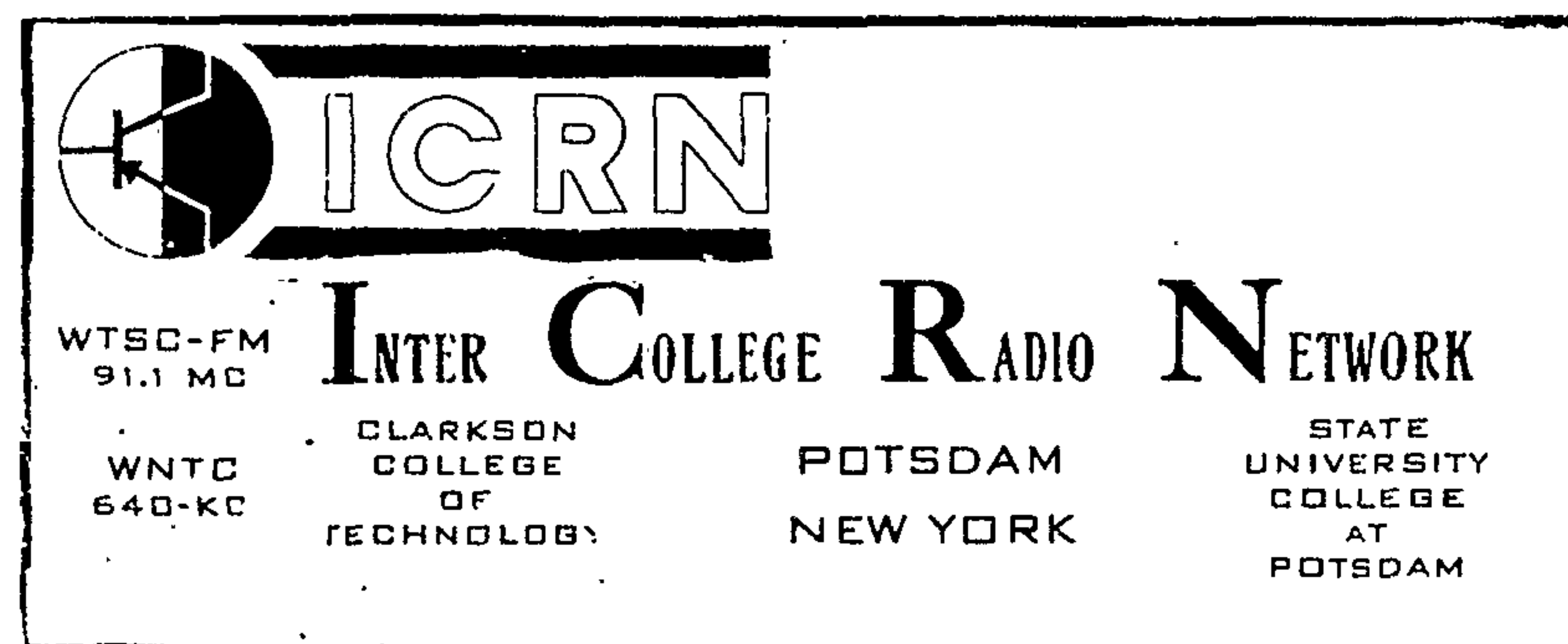
cable service. They let service to State deteriorate. So, senators saw no reason to continue funding it."

Since 1962, both WNTC and WTSC-FM have been the member stations of the Intercollege Radio Network (ICRN). ICRN provides a variety of multiform entertainment, news, and information.

ICRN is one of two organi-

zations funded by both college student associations. It acts as the coordinating body of the two stations for the two colleges and handles all of the financial matters. ICRN's constitution requires 50% of their budget to be contributed from each of the two colleges.

ICRN submitted its budget for next year to the State Finance Committee earlier this year.



They requested the amount of \$17,170.09 but by the end of the SGA budget hearings, ICRN's total was \$12,073.95. This would mean that ICRN would receive \$6073.00 from each college, but unfortunately, there were more cuts to come.

The budget was then submitted to Clarkson's Budget Committee. They were merciful and no cuts were made at that level. Later, when the budget went to CCSA on Monday April 19, the same results occurred and the budget remained intact.

Then on Tuesday evening, April 27th, the ICRN budget came up in front of the entire SGA. ICRN's luck was running out. That night, line item budgets were cut totalling \$1075.00, and the following night WNTC's budget was cut completely. The motion to cut WNTC was passed 12-3-3 in a roll call vote.

When the dust had settled

and the meeting had adjourned, ICRN's total operating budget was \$10,323.95. This includes funding for both stations.

According to ICRN's business manager, Eric Steinkamp, WNTC has only \$1700.00 for next year. Most of WNTC's operating moneys had been channelled into new stereo facilities and reconstruction.

The questions of refund, cash, and merchandise create many problems. Sources at WNTC state that there will not be repossession of any equipment, and that the station will remain in operation. Regardless of what State does, Clarkson will still be financing the station.

At the next senate meeting, proposals will be made to settle any problems that arise. And on May 3rd, CCSA senate will discuss WNTC budgetting and the possibility of changing ICRN's constitution.